

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**April 25, 2005**

**Present:** Berger, Bunker, Chadow, Chair Cooney, Fort, Vice-Chair Gwynne, Longley-Cook, McGaughey, Steffens,

**Absent/Excused:** McCoy, Moore

**Guests:** Jackie Krause (Mastick Senior Center Senior Services Manager), Barbara Hawkins (Supervising Civil Engineer, Public Works Department), Anne Steiner

**MINUTES:** The minutes of March 28, 2005 were approved.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Commissioner Adrienne Langley-Cook informed the commission that Crosstown Coffee House would have an art, crafts and flower sale to benefit the Community Center on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Paratransit:**

Ms. Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager Mastick Senior Center, discussed the proposed Measure B Paratransit funding application program for fiscal year 2005/2006 to the commission. Hi-lights of the program will include subsidized taxi services for ADA registered applicants who do not always have effective access to East Bay Paratransit Services at certain times of the day or from certain out of reach locations when East Bay Paratransit is not available. The City will also offer taxi service for those needing immediate transportation services to medical appointments during the 21-day certification period. Jackie distributed an Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) 'Accessible Transit Services in Alameda County' booklet to the commissioners. She also distributed Paratransit applications and that assistance in completing the applications is available at Mastick Senior Center. In a call to questions regarding improvements to the program, Commissioner Gina McGaughey stated that route scheduling could be better coordinated between multiple pickups. Jackie suggested that she could arrange for a representative from Paratransit to meet with the commission, but that any meeting would have to be during the day, not evening. Vice-Chair James Gwynne informed the commission that there will be a mobility exposition November 18-20 in Santa Clara and asked Jackie if arrangements could be made for a Paratransit service to the exposition. Jackie stated that that is a possibility but would need to know the time and number of people planning to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Transportation Master Plan Policies:**

Ms. Barbara Hawkins, Supervising Civil Engineer, Public Works Department, discussed the Transportation Master Plan Policies document with the commission as they relate to the disabled community. The commission moved approval of the document with the following modifications: a):

2. **Policy research, writing and implementation:**

Chair Ed Cooney recommended that the sub-committee's proposed recommendations for ADA policies for providing effective communications and reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities be adopted. The commission moved adoption of the recommendations with minor modifications. a) Change I.b. "... vision, mobility and language impairments" to "... vision, mobility, language and cognitive impairments." b) Change II. a. "...language and mobility impairments." To "... mobility, language and cognitive impairments."; c) Change Procedures, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence "...this communications and access policy." to "...this Communications and Access Policy (CAP)" and d) Procedures, c., change "... w/c accessibility ..." to "wheelchair accessibility...".

2. **Bus Shelters:**

Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook informed the commissioners that she and the secretary had inspected the recently installed bus shelters and compiled a list of shelters that needed the benches slightly relocated to the right or left to better facilitate wheelchair users. The list was provided to Public Works.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. The City's CATV channel scrolling has the wrong meeting time listed for the commission. Secretary to follow up.
2. Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook informed the commission on upcoming Alameda Collaborative events: a) Alameda Walk in conjunction with Recreation and Parks Dept and Pedestrian Friendly Alameda on May 7<sup>th</sup> and b) Festival of Families at South Shore Center May 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. Commissioner Charles Bunker stated that ACI's trash receptacle is blocking the handicap

ramp at McKay Avenue and Central Avenue. Secretary to follow up.

4. Commissioner Alysa Chadow informed the commission that Adobe Illustrator software has the capability for Braille conversion for embossing printers.
5. Commissioner Toby Burger informed the commission that the Alameda Journal is not listing the commission meeting dates in the calendar. Secretary to follow up.
6. Chair Edwin Cooney stated that U.S. mailboxes are being removed throughout the City making it difficult for the disabled and would like to agendaize for discussion at the May commissioner's meeting.
7. The commission would like that meeting agendas and minutes be provided in Braille. Secretary to follow up.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 23rd in Room 391, City Hall.

Sincerely,

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